

# Faculty Bio: Mary Anne Moran

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Mary Anne Moran began her career 23 years ago as an elementary educator and quickly made her way to the secondary level. She has been a member of the Nipmuc Regional High School community for the last 20 years transitioning from the role of educator to assistant principal in 2011. Mary Anne was named 2016 Massachusetts Assistant Principal of the Year. In 2018, in collaboration with the superintendent and local school board, Ms. Moran and the current principal, John Clements, restructured

their roles to become co-principals with enthusiasm for the long-term leadership of the amazing educators and learners at Nipmuc Regional High School.

With a passion for what is possible and an endless curiosity about our educational system, Mary Anne spends much of her time reading, leading, and learning about reimagining and redesigning our schools for the modern world. She is often inspired by watching the learning of her own children both in and out of school and imagining what schools could be. With a focus on student agency and embracing the idea that we are all learners, she has worked to create and implement structures at Nipmuc to ensure that all members of the school community are a part of the journey to make school meaningful, relevant, and engaging.

Mary Anne is a believer in the power of professional sharing. She believes that in order to reimagine what is possible in our schools, we must work together to challenge some of the long-held assumptions that we make about school and learning. As such, Mary Anne regularly shares her passion for this work with educators from across the country to support them in their unique journeys to adapt, adopt, and adjust practices to make them relevant and meaningful for our students.

Some of the highlights of her professional work include co-creating an online, asynchronous course titled *Launching Modern Learning* in order to guide other educators in building schools that inspire, spending time in Washington D.C. as representatives of one of six schools across the nation to share strategies for reimagining the school day as well as co-authoring whitepapers about the reimagining American education for the U.S. Department of Education, and sharing the work of Nipmuc Regional High School at the Redesigning School for Student Success conference at High Tech High in San Diego. Additionally, Mary Anne is one of the founding members of The Inspired Learning Project, a network of learners and leaders from across New England who share resources, practices, and professional support to enhance opportunities for modern learning in our schools. Mary Anne welcomes opportunities to work with learners, educators, schools, and communities as she believes that through professional collaboration we can build the momentum needed to create and sustain change in our schools.

Outside of work, Mary Anne enjoys spending time with her husband, Chris, and her three sons, Kyle (15), Ben (12), and Andrew (11), on the athletic fields, traveling in their RV, and creating adventures on her their family farm and winery.